

**TOWNSHIP OF CEDAR GROVE
ESSEX COUNTY NEW JERSEY**

PUBLIC MEETING

MINUTES

NOVEMBER 4, 2019

1. ROLL CALL, INVOCATION AND FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Vargo called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Councilmen Cicala, Maceri, Deputy Mayor Peterson, Mayor Vargo

Also Present: Township Manager Tucci, Township Attorney Semeraro, Township Clerk Stutz

Absent: Councilman Tanella

The flag salute was led by Mayor Vargo.

Mayor Vargo made the required announcement concerning the Open Public Meetings Act as follows: Adequate notice of this meeting was duly provided to the Verona-Cedar Grove Times and the Star Ledger on December 28, 2018, filed with the Township Clerk, and posted on the public bulletin board in the Municipal Building Lobby in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act.

2. EXTRAORDINARY BUSINESS

- a) Presentation of Recreation Advisory Board Awards

Mayor Vargo postponed presentation pending arrival of Councilman Tanella. Councilman Tanella joined the meeting at 7:10 p.m. during the Manager's report. Councilman Tanella presented RAB awards to Michael DeGangi and John Weinstein for their long-time involvement in multiple recreation and youth sports programs as volunteer coaches.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) To consider approval of minutes of regular public meeting of October 7, 2019

Councilman Cicala moved approval of the minutes, seconded by Deputy Mayor Peterson, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilmen Cicala, Maceri, Deputy Mayor Peterson, Mayor Vargo

NO: None

ABSENT: Councilman Tanella

4. AWARD OF BID

- a) To consider resolution awarding bid for Rewriting of Police Dept. Rules, Regulations, General Orders and Written Directives

The following resolution had been posted on the bulletin board, and a brief synopsis was given by the Township Clerk:

WHEREAS pursuant to advertising duly made a sole bid was received for the Rewriting of Township Police Department's Rules, Regulations, General Orders and Written Directives and publicly opened and read by the Township Clerk on September 26, 2019 as follows; and

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
The Rodgers Group, LLC	\$ 26,500.

WHEREAS, the Municipal Engineer and the Township Attorney have reviewed the bid and recommend awarding the bid to The Rodgers Group, LLC of Island Heights, New Jersey, the sole bidder, in the estimated bid amount of \$26,500.00; and

WHEREAS, funds are available to satisfy our obligations under this contract in Bond Ord. 19-841.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove that the award of bid for the Rewriting of Township Police Department's Rules, Regulations, General Orders and Written Directives be made to The Rodgers Group, LLC of Island Heights, New Jersey.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proper officials be instructed to execute a contract on behalf of the Township.

Deputy Mayor Peterson moved adoption of the resolution, seconded by Councilman Maceri, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilmen Cicala, Maceri, Deputy Mayor Peterson, Mayor Vargo

NO: None

ABSENT: Councilman Tanella

5. MEETING OPEN TO RESIDENTS OF THE TOWNSHIP WISHING TO BE HEARD ON ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA

Mayor Vargo opened this portion of the meeting to anyone wishing to be heard on any item on the agenda. There being no one present wishing to be heard, Mayor Vargo closed this portion of the meeting.

6. REPORTS OF TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS

a) Township Manager – The Manager reported that a new replacement sign was installed at the baseball field at George St. Park in honor of Jude Tanella (Councilman Tanella's father). Mr. Tucci suggested a re-dedication of the field to highlight the new sign, to which the governing body agreed. The Manager requested authorization for a \$1 million bond ordinance to facilitate acquisition of a new fire truck, to which the governing body concurred. The Manager explained that the acquisition will ultimately be funded by the K. Hovnanian as part of the Hilltop Redevelopment Plan agreement. Mr. Tucci reported that Essex County officials announced the repaving of Bradford Ave. from Grove Ave. to Woodstone Drive is to commence November 5th and affected residents have been notified by the County accordingly. Mr. Tucci noted that work is to be conducted during night hours (11:00 p.m. – 6:00 a.m.) to minimize commuter traffic inconveniences. The Manager also advised that the NJDOT is

scheduled to commence Phase 1 of Pompton Ave. paving 11/6 starting at Bloomfield Ave. in Verona to Ridge Rd. (Cedar Grove). The Manager noted the pending completion of new South End Fire House the first/second week of December, and suggested conducting a dedication, to which the governing body agreed. Mr. Tucci reported installation of new signs at the Township Recycling Center and Community Park. The Manager also advised that the date of the annual Christmas Tree Lighting has been changed to Friday, December 6th at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Tucci also informed County Liaison Hartwyk of a W. Bradford Ave. (County road) resident’s complaint of curb damage.

b) Township Clerk – The Clerk announced the polling hours for the November 5th General Election (from 6am to 8pm). The Clerk also advised the revised polling locations for each election district, which also appears on a voter’s sample ballot.

c) Township Attorney – No report

d) Other Reports

Councilman Cicala commended the Clerk for efforts to remove polling sites from schools.

Councilman Maceri noted upcoming civic volunteer group activities; annual Elks club Hoop Shoot Contest 11/15 and annual CG Unico Turkey Drive.

Councilman Tanella noted positive feedback received from his recent family held at the Robert O’Toole Community Center.

Deputy Mayor Peterson advised that a stigma-free education session is being planned to be conducted after the holidays.

Mayor Vargo thanked resident/developer/firefighter Joseph Lipari for permitting the use of certain property to the Fire Dept. to conduct drills and training.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

a) To consider resolution concerning approval of raffle application – North End School FSA

The following resolution had been posted on the bulletin board, and a brief synopsis was given by the Township Clerk:

WHEREAS, an application for raffle license has been received from:

APPLICANTS

North End School FSA
122 Stevens Ave.
Cedar Grove NJ 07009

EVENTS, DATES TIMES & PLACE

Calendar Raffle to be held
Feb 7, 14, 21, 28, March 6, 13, 20, 27 and,
April 3, 10, 17, 24, 2020 at 3:30 pm at
122 Stevens Ave., Cedar Grove NJ 07009

WHEREAS, the fees have been paid, and the application has been reviewed by the Township Clerk and found acceptable.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove that it does hereby approve said application.

Councilman Cicala moved adoption of the resolution, seconded by Deputy Mayor Peterson, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilmen Cicala, Maceri, Tanella, Deputy Mayor Peterson, Mayor Vargo

NO: None

- b) To consider resolution concerning approval of raffle application – St. Catherine of Siena HSA

The following resolution had been posted on the bulletin board, and a brief synopsis was given by the Township Clerk:

WHEREAS, an application for raffle license has been received from:

APPLICANTS

EVENTS, DATES TIMES & PLACE

St. Catherine of Siena HSA
39 E. Bradford Ave.
Cedar Grove NJ 07009

Off-Premise 50/50 Raffle to be held
Jan. 31, Feb. 29, Mar. 31, Apr. 30, May 31,
Jun. 30, July 31, Aug. 31, Sep. 30, Oct. 31,
Nov. 30, and Dec. 31, 2020 at 8:00 pm at
39 E. Bradford Ave., Cedar Grove NJ 07009

WHEREAS, the fees have been paid, and the application has been reviewed by the Township Clerk and found acceptable.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove that it does hereby approve said application.

Councilman Cicala moved adoption of the resolution, seconded by Deputy Mayor Peterson, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilmen Cicala, Maceri, Tanella, Deputy Mayor Peterson, Mayor Vargo

NO: None

8. APPROVAL OF BILLS

The Bill Resolution was read by title and amount as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove, County of Essex, New Jersey, that the attached summary of bills having been duly audited and found correct be and they are thereby ordered paid and that warrants be drawn on the Treasurer in the aggregate amount of \$2,880,156.99.

Councilman Tanella moved adoption of the resolution, seconded by Councilman Cicala, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilmen Cicala, Maceri, Tanella, Deputy Mayor Peterson, Mayor Vargo
NO: None

9. MEETING OPEN TO RESIDENTS OF THE TOWNSHIP WISHING TO BE HEARD ON ANY ITEM ON OR OFF THE AGENDA CONCERNING TOWNSHIP BUSINESS

Kate Hartwyk; Essex County Liaison – Ms. Hartwyk announced the upcoming annual Holiday Lights Display at Turtle Back Zoo on 11/22. Ms. Hartwyk also noted the availability of applications for Essex County Open Space grant funds and provided a copy to the Manager.

Theresa Zatorski; 257 Cedar St. – Ms. Zatorski requested clarification/confirmation of fence installation guidelines/requirements. The Township Manager cited height and placement limitations with recommendation for installation approximately 4-6 inches inside the installing resident’s property line.

There being no one else present wishing to be heard, Mayor Vargo closed this portion of the meeting.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Cicala moved adjournment of the public council meeting, seconded by Councilman Maceri, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilmen Cicala, Maceri, Tanella, Deputy Mayor Peterson, Mayor Vargo
NO: None

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

ROBBIE VARGO MAYOR

ATTEST:

KATHLEEN R. STUTZ MUNICIPAL CLERK